Gannett Hopes We Won't Invade

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CLEVELAND, April 18. — Cleveland's Rotary Club might have been turned into a Hitler shortwave broadcast last night. The speaker, publisher Frank Gannett of Rochester, N. Y., hoped that there would be "no invasion" or at least that the "invasion would be delayed." He "shuddered" at the cost of such an effort and he put all his trust in air power.

By some devious reasoning he finds that the Allied failure at Cassino, where air power was relied on proves the difficulty of invasion and the argument that air power alone will suffice.

The annual banquet of the Rotary clubs of the 159th District had further bombardments of Berlin propaganda. The Soviet Union, said Gannett, "will come out of this war as potentially the greatest nation on earth," facing the post-war world with a long-established plan of action, while the other Allied powers have none.

"Don't expect them to stop at the German border," he warned, then went on with some typical Goebbels-like talk of the Soviets breaking up Germany and "taking all she wants."

Gannett stated that it was generally admitted in England that ten more days of the original German blitz would have driven her to the wall. He quoted British Air Chief Marshal Arthur T. Harris to back up his trust in "air power alone."

German morale has thus far survived bombing, he asserted and he intimated that was due to their fear of the bogy of Communism, Allied atrocities against them, and extermination of the German race —a neat echo of Nazi propagandists.

Gannett was named in "Under Cover" by John Roy Carlson as implicated with various domestic Nazi and Fascist groups. He headed the Committee for Constitutional Government, which collaborated with America First, and his associate was Dr. Edward A. Rumely, who served a sentence in Atlanta penitentiary as an agent of Imperial Germany.

Gannett led a nationwide movement to have "Under Cover" banned from the book stores, publishers defied him and millions of Americans learned the true character of this GOP leader.

Apparently, this does not include the 158th District Rotary Clubs, or do they have men sympathetic to Gannett in high offices?